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BATTERWOOD FARM,
CANTON,
ONTARIO

Aug 3. 1919

My dear Sir Robert:

On the [illegible] windows in the South front of Hart House there are places for five carvings. These I should like to be

(a) The arms of the Duke of Devonshire who is to open the building

(b) The arms of Sir William Meredith - Chancellor at the time.

(c) The three feathers badge of the Prince of Wales who, I assume, will visit H.H.

(d) The seal of the Massey Foundation and (e) if possible the arms of the President of the day. It may be that like myself you are without such a decorative appendage but if not I should be very glad if you would let me have your 'blazon' - as they call it - together with your permission to use it in this manner.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely

Vincent Massey

September 20th, 1919

Vincent Massey, Esq.,

71 Queen's Park,

Toronto.

Dear Mr. Massey:

I have received the enclosed letter which I answered telling Mr. Cason that I am sending the letter to you as you will probably be glad to authorize Messrs. Sproatt and Rolph to allow Chancellor Kirkland through Mr. Cason to have a copy of the plans of the building.

Yours sincerely,

President.

October 15th, 1919

Vincent Massey, Esq.,
71 Queen's Park,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Massey:

At a meeting of the Board of Governors held last Thursday a Committee was appointed to deal with the relations of Hart House to such students as those in Dentistry and Pharmacy, who are not undergraduates of the University. The Committee consists of Dr. Case, Dr. Bruce Macdonald, Mr. Russell and myself. When I return from Winnipeg I hope we may be able to take this matter up, and we shall of course wish to consult with the Hart House Committee on the matter.

Mr. Justice Masten and Mr. Leslie Nilson have been appointed by the Alumni Association to act on a joint committee which I am appointing to make arrangements for the opening of Hart House and the Convocation on Nov. 13th. On the university side I will ask Professor Salmon and Mr. Pennell to act.

Would you also consult with Mr. Brebner as to the printing, so that it all may be uniform ?

Yours sincerely,

President.

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THE MASSEY FOUNDATION

915 KING STREET WEST
TORONTO

29th October 1919

Dear Sir Robert,

I have received the enclosed telegram from Colonel Henderson, which sounds re-assuring.

Yours sincerely,

Vincent Massey

Sir Robert Falconer K.C.M.G.
University of Toronto
Toronto

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Vincent Massey.,

Deans House. Victoria College.

Your letter October twenty third now seems probable that his Excellency will be able to carry out his Original intentions to go Toronto november eleventh stop will infrom you immediately if any change....

415p Colenel Henderson.....

BUY VICTORY BONDS

November 15th, 1919

Vincent Massey, Esq.,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Massey:

At the meeting of the Board of Governors held on Thursday it was decided to publish an illustrated description of Hart House including also an account of the opening of the building which might be widely distributed.

I should be glad to have you consider the matter as the Governors were of opinion that you probably have some definite suggestion as to the form in which you would prefer it to be prepared.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

November 17th, 1919

Vincent Massey, Esq.,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Massey:

As you say the proposal of Mr. Tait with regard to Macneill opens up a rather difficult question. Honorary degrees have to be dispensed with a great deal of care, and you know how often we make mistakes. I should not like to commit myself with anything in regard to this degree especially at this time. In any case, there will not be a meeting of the Committee until well on in the New Year. I will, however, put the letter with the material for the Honorary Degrees.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

January 8th, 1928

Vincent Massey, Esq.,
Massey Foundation,
915 Bloor Street East,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Massey:

I am returning to you a copy of the Deed of Gift which I have read over carefully. It seems to me to be quite satisfactory and to safeguard the various interests.

Yours sincerely,

President.

CABLE ADDRESS "WINDREAL"

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THE WINDSOR HOTEL
MONTREAL

22 April 1920.

Sir Robert Falconer K.C.M.G. &c.
University of Toronto.

Dear Sir Robert,

You will remember our conversation about the survey of the teaching of history in the schools which the National Council on Moral Education has asked the University of Toronto to undertake. I was speaking about this the other day to Professor Sissons of Victoria College, who is, I think, along with you yourself, a member of the Council. He would be available during the summer for a piece of work on the subject - if the assignment to the University Courses ancient as well as modern history - as I hope it does. I thought I would let you know this & forgot to do so when I saw you yesterday. Sissons would do very well at this kind of work & I thought you would be glad to know that he was free. The idea of the Council in conducting their three surveys through the medium of Toronto, Queen's & McGill is, I think you agree, an excellent one.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely

Vincent Massey

Huntsville, P.O.

Aug. 4 1919.

Dear Mr Massey,

I am afraid that we shall not be able to get the prince to visit Hart House when he is in Toronto in August, as it was with difficulty that we got a half hour for the convocation. We get him at 3.10 and have to let him away at 3.40 on Tuesday. However He is likely to be back in October I think and we will try to get him then. But I will write at once to Mr Russell and find out if there is any chance of his visit to part House in august.

If you wish to have Professor on the Hart House Committee I will nominate him. He did very well in the East Residence and should be useful . I feel that Hendry probably would not be the best man, even if he could act, which is doubtful. You now have all the nominations that I am to make and you might act on them, though I will not put them in to the Board(perhaps I do not need to do so) until the Autumn.

With kind regards I am yours sincerely,

July 14th, 1919

Vincent Massey, Esq.,

Cantoo, Ont.

Dear Mr. Massey:

I have just written to General Currie asking him to postpone his visit until November.

On Thursday your letter enclosing one from Mr. Sproatt was brought before the Board together with a reply from the City. I regret to say that since Thursday a communication has been received from the Commissioner of Works, Mr. Harris, which is not by any means favourable. I enclose a copy.

The situation seems now to be that the University may be involved in a legal process before this matter is determined. For several years we have been troubled with the backing up of water in other buildings, so that this is not a matter of Hart House merely. Eminent legal men on the Board last Thursday were of opinion that if the University is forced to take legal steps in order to have the trouble remedied the [illegible] doubtful. However, Mr. Le Pan has the matter in hand and it is being carried out as vigorously as possible. The attitude of the City to the University has always been rather difficult, but the seriousness of the state of affairs in Hart House has brought matters to a head, and we must speedily have a settlement one way or another.

With kind regards, I am, Yours sincerely,

President.

Canton, August 1st, 1919.

Dear Sir Robert:

Many thanks for your kind note advising me that His Excellancy will open Hart House on November 11th. I have a prospective programme of events in connection with the opening which I will send you shortly and will be glad to hear what you think of it.

Is it your intention that the Prince of Wales should visit Hart House on the occasion of the Special Convocation. I rather assume that he will be viewing the building and have given instructions that it should be put in as presentable a shape as possible at that time.

I have been thinking over the question of the second representative of the faculty to be appointed by you to the Hart House Committee, and I have come to the conclusion that as far as I know Professor Velyien Henderson would be the best possible choice. He has always been deeply interested in the building itself and keen about student activities in general, and both Bowles and I feel that he would be a distinct acquisition to the Board. Col. Hendry of the Med. Faculty whom you previously suggested instating is I feel very much less in touch than Henderson with the activities centred in Hart House.

I hope that you are getting a well deserved rest in Muskoka.

My wife joins me in kindest regards to you and Lady Falconer.

Yours faithfully,

Vincent Massey

Sir Robert Falconer, K. C. M. G.,
Huntsville,
Ont.

P.S. Should the plans be known at your convenience if the Prince is to inspect Hart House so that I can arrange to be present & show him about.

V. M.